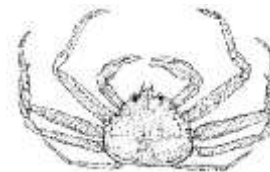

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SOUTHEAST COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHING SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg . . . The Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy [5 AAC 35.113] establishes commercial Tanner crab fishing season length using estimated mature male biomass and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery. As of 9:30 a.m. Sunday, February 17, 2013, there are 54 pot vessels and 4,290 pots registered for the 2012/2013 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 4,290 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides one additional day of season length in “core” and “non-core” areas. The 2012/2013 commercial Tanner crab fishery in Southeast Alaska will open in core and non-core areas (described in 5 AAC 35.113(c)) at 12:00 noon on **Sunday, February 17, 2013**. The season will close in “core” fishing areas after six fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, February 23, 2013**, and close in “non-core” areas after eleven fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0313.

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